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## HIGH WATER RECEDING

**Chariton Bottoms Still Under Water—To Replant Much Corn—Bridges Lost.**

Last weeks rise in the Chariton river was by far the greatest of the season and reached crops which had escaped the former high water. In all, surely not less than a half million dollars loss has fallen on the bottom farmers of the county. The dump road between this city and Salisbury was all under water this week and the bridge across the big ditch was put out of commission completely. County court has ordered it repaired if can be. Several other bridges on this ditch have been washed out.

The farmers along the creeks which empty into Grand river and those on the big bar across from Brunswick which was swept of crops and all those along the Chariton and its tributaries are preparing to replant the ground in corn as soon as conditions will permit.

### Surprise Birthday Eve.

On the evening of June 14th the enterprising merchant chant, Geo. W. Sears of Pee Dee was called from his store at 9 o'clock in the evening by his good wife. Mr. Sears not thinking of anything special by the call, was greatly surprised on arriving and finding that his good wife and many friends had prepared for him a surprise birthday supper consisting of ice-cream, cakes and other good things. Imagine his surprise on entering his home, finding about 100 friends gathered to celebrate the merchants 53rd birthday. Mr. Sears in his jovial way enjoyed the hour following greatly, and appreciated the thoughtfulness of his good wife and many friends.

### Attend Revival

The revival meetings at Presbyterian church began last Sunday with a good attendance. All the other churches have shown their fellowship by dismissing all except their Sunday morning services. An afternoon meeting is being held at 2 o'clock in the park and another at 8 o'clock p. m. in the church. Everyone is urged to be present and enjoy these splendid gatherings. We ought to be there. Won't you? R. T. Matthews, pastor.

### Approaching Weddings

Mr. Lindsay Nichol and Miss Virginia Knight of Brunswick will be married at the home of the brides parents the 28th of this month, and Mr. James Plunkett of Kansas City and Miss Elizabeth Herring of Brunswick will be united in marriage at the home of the brides parents in Brunswick Saturday evening. Particulars next week.

### The Revival Meetings

The Evangelistic services at the Presbyterian church are progressing and growing in attendance and interest. It is evident that this is to be a meeting of more than usual force and proportions. Rev. John E. Abbott preaches in plain and straight forward way the old truths of the gospel.

Services at the park every afternoon at 2 o'clock and at the church every evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss Robinson of the College of Agriculture is here assisting Mrs. Sam Jordan in demonstrations.

### Sayings of the Evangelist

Pointed paragraphs from the sermons of Rev. John E. Abbott who is conducting the revival at the Presbyterian church: God is not content for his children to have just light enough to get home. He wants us to have the effulgence of his presence—the light of His glory.

No man can offer to God the service of his life who has not first been cleansed. Before commissioning is forgiving; before empowerment is cleaning.

Peter tried one night to lose his identity as a Christian; and well might he thank God that he failed in his attempt. Many people in Keytesville have succeeded and neither actions nor attitudes nor speech betray them as followers of the Nazarene. This town is full of people who once counted themselves as Christians, but they are now on the Devil's territory and their Christian identity is lost.

You can't stoop to sinful practice and keep unstained the cleanness of an innocent soul. You can't be better than your actions. If you sin, a creeping paralysis will wither the nerves of your will.

Sin comes to us in a fair guise. It offers to let you ride in the chariot of Aurora, in the cloud-land of the sun, but at the last you find you are being hauled on a dragsled in the mud.

### Chinese Trade Lost?

Great Britain and Russia have actually and France constructively recognized Japan's paramount interest in China, as against the United States. A clash between this country and Japan over the question of respective rights in China appears to have been averted by this semi-ultimatum, as secretary Lansing says the matter is closed. Watch Japan reach out. The Philippines would suit the Asiatic yellow jackets monstrous well.

### Children Feasted

The children of the members of the Pee Dee Camp 5142 R. N. were given a reception Saturday June 16 by the members of the camp who exerted every effort to make the affair a pleasant one. There was plenty of music, games were played and ice cream and cake were freely served and a jolly good time was had by both young and old.

Mrs. Wm. E. Hill returned home Monday after visit of three months in Los Angeles with Mr. and Mrs. Hawes and Miss Hill. On her return trip she visited the Grand Canyon with a very delightful party, including Mrs. Rex Beach and Miss McMinis of New York and Mr. and Mrs. Jones of New Jersey.

To encourage contributions to the hundred million dollar red Cross fund Chapin, the St. Louis Republic cartoonist in a front page picture Tuesday has a soldiers supposedly one of our boys, lying, supposedly badly wounded, on what appears to be an amateur picture of a funeral pyre with outstretched hands, the picture labeled "Somewhere in France." The suffering soldiers hand is extended towards a scintillating something evidently intended to convey the idea of a red cross, on which is printed "Your Red Cross Gift". Yes, this ought to cause a general shell out of coin, of course, but the Republic should have stated in explanation of Chapin's misfit pictorial appeal that it was coin France wanted from the Red Cross societies, not wounded soldiers on a pile of sticks.

## One of Every Three in the U. S. Navy is An Officer

The lowest pay for any recruit in the Navy is \$32.60 a month which is in addition to all food, clothing, medical attention and other expenses.

The first step in enlisting, if you have no trade and are between the ages of 17 and 25 years, is to apply as an apprentice seaman.

If you are between 18 and 25 years of age, you can apply as a landsman for either yeoman, baker, electrician, ship's cook or musician.

The first advancement of an apprentice seaman usually is when he has had enough training to allow him to go aboard ship. His pay is then increased to \$35.90.

Registration does not prevent you from enlisting in the Navy, but after you are drafted you cannot go elsewhere but in the Army.

Volunteer in the Navy while you have the chance.

You should apply for enlistment at any of the Navy Recruiting Stations in St. Louis, Hannibal, Mexico, Joplin, Springfield, Sedalia or East St. Louis, Ill.

### Fleming-Heckelrod

Horace W. Fleming of Dalton and Mrs. Marie Heckelrod of Salisbury were united in marriage at Kansas City Wednesday evening at the home of her aunt and will spend a few days in the city before returning to the home of the bride in Salisbury where they will stay a day or two before going to Mr. Fleming's farm to reside south of Dalton.

Mr. Fleming is one of our most progressive and successful farmers and highly esteemed citizens. He lost quite heavily by the flood and to more than make up for his misfortune he drafted a young, handsome and accomplished wife. Mrs. Fleming is a daughter of J. P. Haywood and was a noted equestrian during her early girlhood.

Mrs. John Goll, sister of the bride, accompanied the couple to Kansas City Wednesday afternoon. The Courier extends hearty congratulations.

### Brewer-Ramsey

Robert Roy Brewer of Hamden and Miss Anna Chlorine Ramsey of Bynumville were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards in this city at 2:30 Wednesday Rev. R. T. Matthews officiating.

Mr. Brewer is 20 years of age and his bride 15 and the fathers of the contracting couple together with other relatives and friends were present at the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brewer are descendants of prominent families in their neighborhoods and we wish their very early start in married life to reach the goal of domestic prosperity and happiness in accord.

### Christian Church

Bible School at 9:45 a. m. Meeting of the Board at 10:30 sharp. Important business. Divine Worship with sermon by Pastor at 11 o'clock. Evening service union at Presbyterian church.

Miss Pearlita Latham visited her sister, Mrs. J. H. Beltz in Salisbury last week, returning home Saturday.

Arthur Wallace of Brunswick has accepted a position on the clerical staff of the warden of the state penitentiary. Mr. Wallace will make a good record in the service of the state and deserved to be recognized by the administration for his untiring efforts in the interest of the party as well as his qualification for any place he might be called to fill.

### Buggy Overturned

Sunday as Mr. and Mrs. Milt Bennett and their son Milton were returning from Mr. Bennetts farm northwest of town and after they had reached the foot of the court house hill, their team of mules shied at an automobile and one of the axles on their buggy broke, overturning the buggy and throwing the family violently to the ground. The team with the wrecked buggy was caught up town and sent home and the bruised and crippled occupants brot in by passing cars. Mrs. Bennett was the worst injured tho no bones were broken. She was placed under the care of a surgeon and was in a serious condition until Thursday morning when she was able to breakfast at the table. Milt had his bald spot scarred by landing on it and was shaken up and bruised badly. The boy had one leg badly bruised and skinned and he was otherwise disfigured and put on a blanket in the front yard for several days. It appeared for a time that the three had suffered serious if not permanent injury, and Mrs. Bennett was in doubt for several days. Milt's rats are pulling 1000 feet of green native lumber to sober them down.

### Lecture To Men Only

Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock evangelist John E. Abbott will deliver his lecture to men on the "Mastery of Self". This service will be held in the Presbyterian Church. Wherever Mr. Abbott has delivered this lecture large crowds have heard him and words of highest commendation have been spoken of the way the speaker handles this subject. Nothing salacious or suggestive of evil will be spoken but many things helpful will be said.

All men are cordially invited and boys over fourteen years of age.

### S. S. Picnic

The Methodist Sunday school class of Mrs. A. P. Strother had a picnic Wednesday afternoon in the woods just north of town. There were 26 of the Sunday school pupils present and thoroughly enjoyed the splendid lunch. Many games were played and the merry bunch returned to town about six o'clock. They were chaperoned by Mrs. Strother, Mrs. Frank Stowers, Miss Gertie Bradshaw, Mrs. M. C. Davis, Mrs. W. L. Wright and Mrs. L. L. Gordon.

Col. E. M. Harber of Kansas City, revenue collector for this district was here Tuesday.

### Salisbury Scribblings

Freeman Patterson is still on the sick list.

Mrs. E. Kaiser and son have returned from their visit to Moulton, Iowa.

W. R. Million and family of Boonville were here a few hours this week.

Mrs. J. C. Elgin of Fulton is here visiting her sister, Mrs. J. F. Welch.

Steps are being taken to oil the streets, and they were not started a bit too soon.

Salisbury has a poet after the Walt Mason style that is coming rapidly to the front.

Mrs. H. Fuller and children left for Denver Saturday to join their husband and father.

A committee is soliciting funds to get up a 4th of July demonstration here with a good program.

Word comes from Omaha of the marriage of Miss Dollie Willett to Morice Adams of Palston, Nebr.

A new ten and and a half pound boy at the home of Rev. B. A. Pugh, is the latest arrival and all parties are doing well.

Gus Miller, a young man about town, stepped on a piece of broken glass, badly cutting his right foot, and is now going on a crutch.

Work on the Karcher block is progressing rapidly, and it is now said the Court room will be ready for a September term of court here.

In his sermon Sunday night, Eld Crutcher said the more skin she could show the nearer the modern woman was in the fashion, and most everybody laughed, but the skin showers.

Word comes from Sayre, Okla. of the marriage of Arthur Hale to Miss Leland Sneed, both of this county. These people are starting out young, but we wish them happiness and success.

T. J. Phelps and wife and Mrs. Lizzie Vandeventer left for Hannibal, Mo. Tuesday morning in their touring car, for the purpose of consulting Dr. Chowning in relation to the health of Mrs. Phelps.

A brief session of the Circuit Court was held here Monday for the purpose of appointing commissioner in a rail road condemnation suit for lands near Rothville. Sheriff Hurt and Clerk Wright came over to help.

The Santa Fe railroad co. is securing the right of way for a new road from land owners, south of town, and is paying liberal prices. The road will be located about three miles south of this place and passes thru a fine farming country, striking most of the farms diagonally.

Isaac M. Hickerson, long a resident of this county, and for some years of this city, died suddenly at the home of his son in law, Moses Kitchen, Thursday morning and his remains were laid to rest in our city cemetery, after funeral services from Pleasant Wood church, conducted by Rev. Sears of Clifton Hill. Deceased was a member of the Christian Church and was highly esteemed by all who knew him well. For two years his general health had not been good, but no one suspected the end was so near, when death came. He had been visiting the day before his demise, and had retired as usual, but in the after part of the night was taken ill and died before medical aid could reach him. He leaves several children and grand children the heritage of a good name.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR

**Allies Continue Gains In West U Boats Destroy Ships Russia Dallying**

The reports printed in the dailies indicate that the allies are making advances in some quarters in France, tho German army wins at once important point.

The destruction of merchant ships last week and so far this week by German submarines has been considerably greater than expected. Much commerce has escaped the U boats but thousands of tons have gone down. The U boat has not proved easy prey for destroyers or more formidable opponents, by any means, and apprehension is felt that their activity may increase and include transports.

Russia has not determined her future course in the war, but that she has finally withdrawn from active participation in the field, is clearly certain.

General Pershing and staff and quite a number of soldiers from our army are in France and looking the situation over. A number of Red Cross women have landed in London and are being entertained royally. Raids by dirigibles and other air craft have been made on London and other sections of England and many killed and many more injured.

The 23rd to the 25th of this month have been set apart by President Wilson for volunteer enlistment between the ages of 18 to 40. The selections from those who have registered for all branches of the service will begin July 4th, and the 1,800,000 soldiers needed without delay will be had. President Wilson has put an embargo on shipments of merchandise to neutrals, with Hoover at the head of a board to license and apporportion.

The Lever bill, now being debated in the Senate, if passed, will set the country to thinking more deeply than ever.

which they highly prize, and to whom our sympathy is tendered. May he rest in peace.

M. C. Smith, aged 51, long a resident here, and well known all over the County, died at his home on West 4th street, Tuesday, June 19, 1917, after an illness of a few months of a complication of diseases, chief of which it is claimed was Brights disease, leaving a devoted wife and nine children surviving, and a host of relatives and friends. Deceased was a member of the Christian Church, an Odd Fellow and Modern Woodman, and prominent in all being especially kind and attentive to the sick and afflicted. So far as his means permitted, he was charitable, and no one called on him for a needed favor, and met denial when he could grant it. He denied himself often to help others, and now that he is gone, his friends can appreciate his worth. While in moderate circumstances, he carried life insurance for the protection of his family, in order to educate and maintain them after his help was gone. Funeral services will be conducted from the home by Rev. J. P. Rice and remains laid to rest in the Bennett burying ground north of Keytesville. There are many nice things we would like to say of the deceased, but space forbids and we leave his life to speak for him. He had his faults, likewise his virtues, and we would draw the veil over the one and emulate the other.